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Docket No.: 826.1750

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Katsuhito FUJIMOTO, et al.

Serial No. 09/956,933

Group Art Unit:

Confirmation No. 2467

Filed: September 20, 2001

Examiner:

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD GENERATING A BINARY IMAGE
FROM A MULTILEVEL IMAGE

**PETITION TO RESTART PREVIOUSLY SET PERIOD FOR REPLY DUE TO LATE RECEIPT
OF AN OFFICE ACTION: MPEP 710.06**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An Office Action having a mailing date of October 19, 2001 in the subject application was received on December 3, 2001 at the correspondence address of the undersigned firm having Power of Attorney in the subject application. This Petition requests that the previously set period for response be restarted from the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address of the undersigned firm, in accordance with MPEP 710.06 and parts (A) through (C)(2) thereof.

In accordance with part (A), this Petition is filed within two (2) weeks of the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address.

In accordance with part (B), the delay occupied a substantial portion of the set reply period (e.g., at least 1 month of a 2- or 3-month reply period had already elapsed as of the date of receipt).

In accordance with part (C)(1), a copy of the "Office action having the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address stamped thereon is attached as evidence showing the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address."

In accordance with part (C)(2) and pursuant to the usual mail processing procedures of the firm, incoming mail is delivered to the Office Services section of the firm. The mail is then opened by file clerk(s) of the firm who distribute the opened mail to specified firm personnel. All

mail from the USPTO is distributed to the Docketing Department.

In the Docketing Department, the Docketing Manager, Victor DelRio, personally date stamps, and/or supervises the date stamping of, each item of mail and the entry of the identification of each item of mail and the due date of response thereto into the automated docketing system of the firm. The mail is then distributed to the firm attorney having responsibility for the involved matter.

The belated receipt by the firm of large amounts of USPTO mail including the Office action to which this Petition is relevant, was brought to the attention of partners of the aforesaid firm who instituted procedures within the firm for processing this USPTO mail on an expedited basis and preparing and filing the subject Petition.

By this Petition, the undersigned attorney for applicant(s) requests that the previously set period for reply be reset to run from the date of receipt of the Office Action of December 3, 2001.


If any fees are required in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS***Filing Date Granted***

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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